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2. "The Hungarian Army consists of the following units (Spring 1952):

2 Tank Divisions ('Panyélos hadosztály')

1 Mechanized Division ('Motomechanizált Hadosztály')

8 Infantry Divisions

2 Artillery Divisions ('Tüzérhadosztály')

2 Antiaircraft Divisions ('Légvédelmi tüzér hadosztály'), for
local defense

2 Mobile Operational Units

1 Technical Division ('Műszaki hadosztály')

2 Signal Brigades ('Híradó dandár')

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1. "Two tank divisions and one mechanized division form one Army Corp ('hadtest'). Three infantry divisions also form one Army Corps.
2. "The 4th Division of Nyiregyhaza and the 7th Division of Pecs are not incorporated in army corps and must therefore be considered independent units.
3. "One tank division consists of three regiments ('ezred').
Each regiment consists of three battalions ('zaszloalj'); in peacetime only two battalions.
Each battalion has three companies ('század'); two companies in peacetime.
Each company consists of three platoons ('szakasz')
Each tank battalion operates three tanks, but in the total company there are 14 tanks, together with those of the commander and his deputy.
Of the three regiments, two are equipped with medium-sized T 34/85 tanks, and one with heavy tanks, either T53 or the T54, delivered to some units recently.
The regimental command has at its disposal one automatic antiaircraft cannon, 37 mm calibre; also intelligence, wireless, sapper and signal units.
Each tank company also has a special unit equipped with flame-throwers.
4. "The organization of motor-mechanized divisions is similar to that of the tank divisions.
5. "Two out of all the infantry divisions are entirely motorized. The other infantry divisions are only partly motorized. One infantry division consists of three infantry divisions.
6. "The Hungarian Supreme Command intends to motorize completely at least one regiment, one reconnaissance battalion ('felderítő') and one artillery battalion in each army division before the end of 1952. During 1953 all intelligence, technical and ordnance corps are to be motorized. Complete motorization of the whole Hungarian Army is to be realized in the course of 1954."

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